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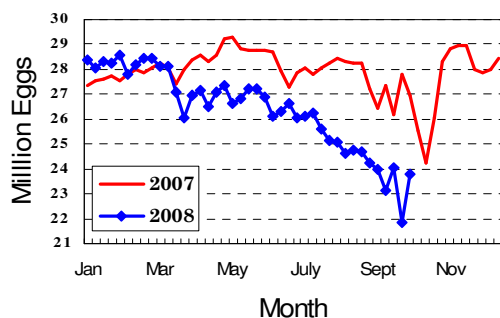
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 10 Percent from Last Year

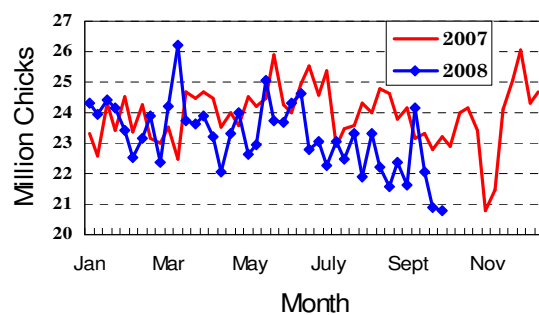
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.8 million during the week ending October 11, 2008. Placements were down 10 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 11, 2008, down 12 percent from the same period last year, but up 9 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, September 13, 2008 - October 11, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	4-Oct	11-Oct	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	4-Oct	11-Oct
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,812	28,226 *	29,424	27,732	27,403	21,212	20,194	20,458 *	19,910 *	18,917
Arkansas	23,956	23,132 *	24,055	21,817	23,753	21,646	24,134	22,051	20,901	20,788
Delaware	3,310	3,257	3,255	3,417	3,294	4,870	4,722	4,295	3,865	4,233
Florida	1,191	1,151 *	1,229	1,229	1,151	1,004	1,010	980	1,033	1,020
Georgia	30,895	31,070 *	31,829	29,759	30,687	27,100	26,583	26,557	25,898 *	26,020
Kentucky	7,611	7,286 *	7,792	6,798 *	7,422	6,293	5,513	6,020	5,873 *	5,467
Louisiana	3,501	3,501	3,183	3,501	3,470	3,425	3,431	3,260	3,215	3,204
Maryland	7,894	7,825	8,760	7,556	7,877	6,117	5,239	5,025	5,683	5,126
Mississippi	17,770	18,290 *	16,780	16,698	17,573	16,576	16,007	15,503	15,753	16,258
N. Carolina	17,360	17,731 *	18,311	16,891	16,849	15,817	15,628	14,652	14,321	14,592
Oklahoma	7,242	7,045 *	6,783	6,512	6,942	5,478	3,400	5,080	5,433	3,715
Pennsylvania	4,058	3,569	3,959	3,890	3,977	3,094	3,291	3,260	3,470	2,917
S. Carolina	5,709	5,755	5,249	4,693	5,359	4,541	5,023	5,131	4,518	4,986
Texas	14,644	13,298 *	13,997	14,406	14,714	13,021	12,505	12,796	12,333	11,183
Virginia	6,021	5,779	6,140	5,691	6,156	4,657	5,643	5,374	5,009	5,007
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,876 *	17,288 *	18,519 *	17,698 *	18,219	15,765 *	15,743 *	15,284 *	15,398 *	16,906
19 State Total	197,850 *	194,203 *	199,265 *	188,288 *	194,846	170,616 *	168,066 *	165,726 *	162,613 *	160,339
Prev. Year Total	205,863	212,015	207,513	213,532	208,741	175,527	175,642	171,244	168,385	173,217
% of Prev. Year	96	92	96	88	93	97	96	97	97	93

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 11, 2008. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 11, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through October 11, 2008 were 7.19 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.